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THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1947.



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
HALESWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my tenth and last Annual Report as your Medical Officer of Health, produced along the lines indicated by the Minister of Health.

I must take this opportunity to thank the members and officials of the Council for their co-operation during my term of office.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. M. BURNS.

General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	1107
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population (mid 1947)	2037
Approximate number of inhabited houses, (end of 1947)	691
Rateable Value	£11,503
Sum represented by a penny rate	£47

Vital Statistics.

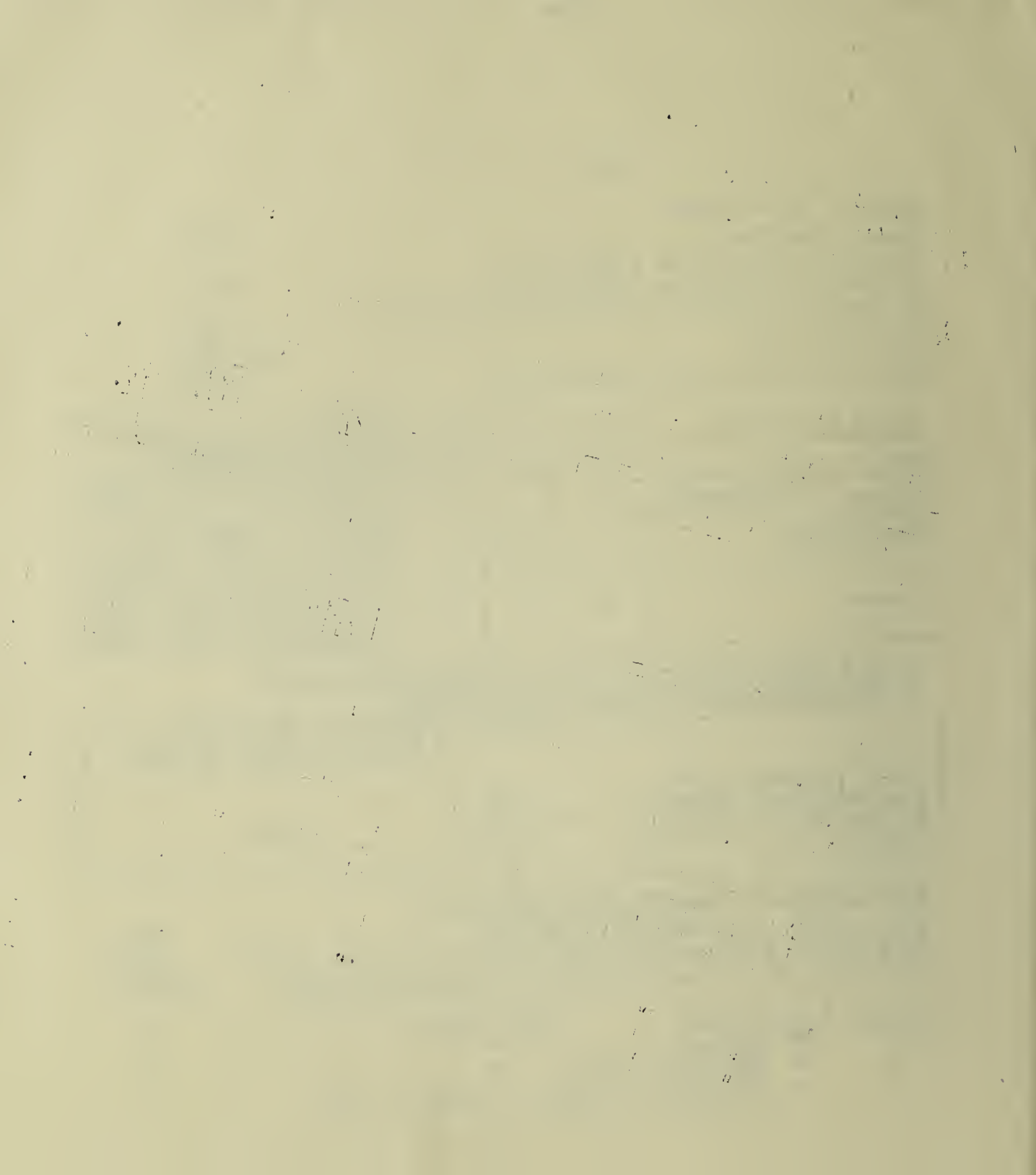
	Total	Male	Female	Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population. (England & Wales 20.5)
Live (Legitimate) Births (Illegitimate)	55 1	28	27 1	27.5
Stillbirths	1	1	-	Rate per 1000 total (Live & Still) 17.5
Deaths	39	17	22	Death rate per 1000 of population - 19.1 (England & Wales 12)

Deaths from puerperal causes (Headings 29 and 30
of the Registrar-General's Short List)-

	Deaths	Rate per 1000 total (live & Still) Births.
No. 29 Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis.	Nil	Nil
No. 30. Other puerperal causes.	Nil	

Death Rate of Infants under one year:-

All infants per 1000 live births	53.5
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	36.3
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	1000.0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	4
" " Measles	-
" " Whooping Cough	-
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN

THE DISTRICT.

1. Public Health Officers.

(a) Medical. W.M. BURNS, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.T.M.
Also Assistant County M.O. and M.O.H. for
two adjoining districts.

(b) Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. C.W. FLAXMAN, C.R.S.I. (Retired at the end of year).

2. Laboratory Facilities.

These are available at the County Laboratory, Bond St, Ipswich, except for the chemical analysis of water which is carried out by the Public Analyst, Mr. W. Lincoln Sutton, of Norwich.

3. Ambulance Facilities.

The ambulance belonging to the Lowestoft Isolation Hospital is available for cases of infectious disease. The County Ambulance Scheme operates successfully through the ambulance belonging to the local branch of the British Red Cross Society a number of whose members render valuable service at all hours by running this ambulance.

4. Maternity and Child Welfare.

The County Council is the M. and C.W. Authority. As Assistant County M.O. I attend the Infant Welfare Centre on first, third and fifth Tuesdays, (At the end of the year this changed to first and third Wednesdays). This Centre owes much to the devoted work of a number of regular voluntary helpers in addition to that of the District Nurse. The County Council is also the Authority for the School Medical Service and the Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Schemes.

5. Water.

The Town Water Supply is satisfactory in quality and, so far, in quantity. A larger supply will be required when the sewerage scheme comes into operation. It is anticipated that this will be drawn from the main headworks in the proposed Blyth Rural District Scheme which may interfere with your present bore. Following the examination of a filtered and chlorinated sample of water Mr. W. Lincoln Sutton reports 15.8.47 :- "This is a pure and wholesome water, of good organic and bacteriological quality and quite fit for drinking purposes".

The water is chlorinated and has no plumbo-solvent action.

No action was required in respect of contamination.

Water is supplied to well over 600 houses. There is no supply through standpipes.

6. Sewerage.

Work on the main sewerage scheme proceeds, but the Ministry of Health will not allow the scheme to be completed at present.

7. Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation was carried out during the year during which 30 children under 5 and 14 over that age had the initial treatment of two injections. Four children had the subsequent reinforcing dose.

8. Scabies.

No cases of scabies were recorded during the year.

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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.
(other than Tuberculosis)

	AGE									Total	Admitted to Hospital	Died
	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-			
Measles		3	4	23	1					31	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia					.		1		1X	2	1	-

X not known

No other cases of Infectious Disease were notified.
The case of Puerperal Pyrexia admitted to hospital was
from outside the District.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the
year and there were no deaths from this disease.

